

Because we are deeply committed to maintaining the safety of our campus and reducing the spread of COVID-19, and in response to rising case levels in our community and throughout the state, we are initiating a temporary soft close, effective immediately, and lasting through April 17, 2021.

This means that as of today, we are making the following changes:

- All classes will be held remotely.
- All athletic competitions, practices, and team activities are suspended.
- All student life on-campus activities are suspended.
- The wellness center is only open for COVID testing.
- There are to be no workouts or athletic activities in the wellness center or Lake Trust Stadium.
- Clancy's and the Cleary Commons are closed to the public.
- All food will be delivered to residential halls, and meals will only be provided to students who live in res life.
- Campus activities, events, and tours are suspended.

According to our most recent testing, there are 143 people in quarantine and 18 positive cases in the Cleary community. We continue to work with the Livingston County Health Department to report cases for contact tracing purposes.

Despite this sudden change, which we know feels disappointing, we remain optimistic that we will be able to resume our athletic seasons and participate in commencement as planned. This temporary soft close is a measure to ensure that we can get a handle on COVID-19 so that we can resume activities on April 17th.

We trust our community to be mindful, careful, and limit gatherings in one last-ditch effort so that we can preserve our activities, our athletics, and our campus operations until we are all finally out of the woods. People are getting vaccinated at a rapid rate, but we are not yet at a point where we can breathe easy about this virus. It's a race between rising case rates and rising vaccination opportunities, and we are confident that every member of the Cleary community will do their part to ensure that we can gather safely before long.

I am so proud of the commitment and perseverance of our community over this past year. Thank you all for rallying until we can safely put this pandemic behind us. I look forward to seeing you back healthy on April 17th.

Dr. Emily Barnes

Interim President